

USDF "L" Program at Houghton College Equestrian Center  
9823 School Farm Rd., Houghton, NY  
**DEMO RIDER APPLICATION**

Are you a: Professional \_\_\_ Adult Amateur \_\_\_ Jr/YR \_\_\_ DOB ( / / ) WNYDA Member? YES / NO

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Level(s) Competing: \_\_\_\_\_ Schooling: \_\_\_\_\_

Available to ride on which of the following dates (indicate your first day preference with a 1, then indicate other availability with 2, 3, 4. If you are unable to be a demo rider on a particular day, mark "0"):

Mar 8, 2020: \_\_\_ Apr 18, 2020: \_\_\_ Apr 19th, 2020: \_\_\_ May 16, 2020: \_\_\_ May 17, 2020: \_\_\_

Level(s) at which you could perform a test (Horses could be shown at more than one level. Also, horses currently showing at higher levels that can perform a test in a snaffle at Training-Second are encouraged to apply) Please indicate the level(s) in which you'd like to Demo Ride:

Training: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical information on horse and rider (please attach separate page).**

Please include: Training experience and competitive record of both horse & rider on a separate page.

(Optional but preferred) Please include a link to a YouTube video or a DVD of approximately 10 minutes duration of a schooling session and/or show a ride of the highest test at level applying for, either from a show or a practice test at home. If entering more than one horse, **please send a separate video link or DVD and application for each.** Please label DVD clearly to ensure return.

**STABLING:** Half day stabling and shavings provided courtesy of WNYDA.

**Benefits Included:** You may choose one of the two following perks: 1. Complimentary audit seating for the rider to audit the weekend session in which you are riding. 2. (4) WNYDA volunteer hours for Demo riding and (4) volunteer hours for cleaning your stall upon departure.

**PLEASE SEND OR EMAIL APPLICATION, BIOGRAPHY AND VIDEO (optional) TO:**

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Applications must be received by **February 1, 2020 (no exceptions)** and all applicants will be notified by approximately February 15, 2020

Dear Demo Rider;

November 4, 2019

Thank you for your interest in becoming a potential demonstration rider at the upcoming Learner Judge Education Program sponsored by the Western New York Dressage Association. The L Program Part 1 consists of three weekend sessions scheduled to be held in the Spring of 2020 at the lovely Houghton College Equestrian Center in Houghton, New York. The three sessions will occur on the weekends of March 7<sup>th</sup>+8<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup> +19<sup>th</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup> +17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. With your participation, you will have a critical role in forming a solid and cohesive base of dressage education for dressage judges and enthusiasts of the future. Taught by some of the most prominent and respected dressage judges in the country, the L Program is one of the premier educational events that the Western New York Dressage Association is proud to present to all lovers of dressage in our area.

What does the L Program look for in a demo rider?

We need dressage riders and mounts that are able to do solid training level, first level, or second level movements and tests. We are looking for all different types of horses but they need to be proficient in the requirements of each level to provide the best educational experience for the participants and the auditors in the audience. Horses trained above second level are encouraged to apply if they may be ridden in a snaffle bridle since they may show the more difficult movements in a more polished manner.

What is expected of me and my horse?

You may be asked ride individually or in a group. Most sessions run around a half an hour. You may be asked to ride individual movements or perform a full test. Don't worry, you'll know what your responsibilities will be well in advance of the session. Riders will be able to hear the commentary on their rides as they are happening.

What are the conditions for my horse?

Depending on the weather, you may be asked to ride in an indoor arena or in a full- sized outdoor arena. Both arenas will be well groomed with sand and rubber footing. All horses will have a day stabling and shavings provided courtesy of the Western New York Dressage Association. There will be easily accessible horse trailer parking available on the grounds.

What are the benefits to me for my participation?

1. A demo rider will receive one day free auditing for the session in which they have been a participant
2. In addition, A demo rider may choose one of the two following rewards:
  - A. Either a demo rider may receive a free audit for the entire weekend Session in which they have participated in as a demo rider  
OR
  - B. A Demo rider may satisfy 4 hours of their WNYDA volunteer hours for the demo ride itself and another 4 WNYDA volunteer hours for cleaning their stall upon their departure
3. Experience for you and your horse. What better way is there to kick off your show season than to get your horse out of the barn and practice your test movements and full tests with commentary provided by an experienced and well- respected judge.
4. However, one of the best reasons for participating as a demo rider is that your participation is critical in helping promote dressage and dressage education in Western New York

Please join us. We'd love to see you. Together, we can have some fun, learn a lot and make the L Program a success!

Questions/Comments? Call/text Debbie Kondoff 716.491.6786 dkondoff@yahoo.com